



# Northgate Stakeholders Group

North Seattle Community College  
Thursday, March 18, 2004

# Purpose of the Meeting

- Convene the Northgate stakeholders group
- Review and approve the group's process, ground rules, and schedule
- Provide informational presentations on the Coordinated Transportation Investment Plan; South Lot development; and stormwater concepts for the South Lot
- Discuss public information and community forums

# Agenda

4:00 PM	Welcome, introductions, agenda review
4:40 PM	Review group charter, process, groundrules and schedule
5:30PM	Coordinated Transportation Investment Plan
5:45 PM	South Lot Development Concepts
6:15 PM	Stormwater Concepts for the South Lot
6:35 PM	Public Participation: Community Forums
6:50 PM	Public Comment
7:00 PM	Wrap-up and Adjourn

# Key Themes From Interviews



# **Transportation stands out as the number one issue for many of you.**

- Traffic is a problem already and it will only get worse with redevelopment.
- In light of the multi-modal improvements slated to come to Northgate and the increased housing, it's essential to plan now so the area isn't overwhelmed but has the infrastructure to accommodate the increased traffic in ways that are safe for all users.

# **Redeveloping the Northgate area in ways that enhance the sense of community is a high priority.**

- You are enthusiastic about the cooperative approach to planning that has characterized the process for the new library, community center and park. You appreciate the responsiveness of the architects and staff who have listened and incorporated your ideas.
- You want to get out of your cars; you want the area to become more pedestrian and bicycle friendly.
- You want more open space to meet the needs of current and future residents.
- Many of you want a mix of housing options, including affordable housing, as housing is developed.

# **You want to see Northgate redevelop. It's time.**

- Many of you feel that Northgate has stood still while other regional malls have blossomed and prospered. You have confidence that Northgate has the potential to rival or even surpass Alderwood or University Village.
- You want the best development possible, not just any development. You want to create an environment that people like to live in, that people want to travel to and from, and that businesses can thrive in.
- You want redevelopment to occur in an efficient and cost-effective way that benefits businesses, the community and the environment.

**You believe this group can be successful if you are courteous, respectful, bring open ears, an open mind, and a sense of fairness to the table. You recognize the need for everyone to be willing to listen, to learn, and to focus on the good of the whole.**

**Some of you are afraid that the group will be ignored and that real decisions will be made behind closed doors.**

**Your hopes are that the group will provide a forum for reasonable discussion and open dialogue, that the group will come together with a common vision, and that you will develop products that will influence Northgate's redevelopment in ways that will benefit all.**

# Charter

Northgate Framework Resolution (30642) stated the City's intention:

- "...to maintaining transparency and open discussion with the community in order to ensure the health and vitality of the Northgate area."
- "The City is committed to providing meaningful opportunities for public input as the actions described in this resolution are developed and implemented."

# Charter

## The stakeholders group:

- “shall focus initially on advising the City on coordinating, developing, and implementing the following efforts:
  1. an Urban Center Plan for open space and pedestrian connections including bicycle and pedestrian circulation and streetscape improvements,
  2. the Coordinated Transportation Investment Plan, [Resolution 30641]
  3. implementation of the 5<sup>th</sup> Ave NE Streetscape Design, and
  4. planning for large lot developments (particularly early input on conceptual site planning), including but not limited to the Northgate Mall, the South Lot, and King County’s transit-oriented development project.”

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- “The Executive will also provide the stakeholders group with briefings and updates and solicit advice at key junctures on implementation of the other work program items in this Resolution, which will further implement the NACP.”

# Groundrules

- Roles and Responsibilities of Members
- Roles and Responsibilities of the Chair
- Roles and Responsibilities of the Facilitators
- Observers
- Meetings
- Meeting Summaries
- Internal Decision-Making
- Communication During Process
- Products
- Media

# Proposed Schedule

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Topics Covered		March 18 Thursday	April 20 Tuesday	May 11 Tuesday	May 20 Thursday	June 3 Thursday
	Community Transportation Investment Plan	Introduction to CTIP and Process	Technical Briefing from City  Scope Discussion	Scoping Issues for CTIP #2 Discussion and Draft Advice	Discussion and Advice on Draft Scope for CTIP and Community Involvement Plan	Report Back from City on Scope and Community Involvement Plan
	South Lot – Natural Open Space Options (2.7 acres)	Introduction and Overview	PDP Framework Analysis  Joint Criteria Development	Criteria from Stakeholders Group and Input on Analysis	Discussion and Advice on SPU Analysis and Recommendations	Report back from City on Stakeholder Recommendations and Advice
	South Lot Development (5.9 acres)	Introduction of Development Concepts	Criteria / Recommendations and Ideas	South Lot Development Plan Elements Discussion	Discussion and Advice on Lorig's Development Plan Outline	Report Back from Lorig on Stakeholder Recommendations
	Urban Center Plan for Open Space and Pedestrian		Results from Pedestrian Plan Workshop	Discussion on Pedestrian Plan		
	5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NE Streetscape Concept		Briefing and Project Schedules			
	Community Forums			May 13: North Seattle Community College		
	Other Events	March 25: Pedestrian Workshop				

# Recommended Communications and Informational Approaches

- **Local media**
  - *Seattle Sun* (monthly)
  - *Northgate Journal* (weekly)
  - *North Seattle Herald* (weekly)
- **Community Council meetings**
  - Presentations at community council meetings and at general community meetings they sponsor (Maple Leaf, others?)
- **Existing newsletters**
  - Notices and articles to be included in newsletters

# Recommended Communications and Informational Approaches

- **Fliers posted in community gathering locations**
- **Email**
  - Creation of a listserve for meeting notices and updates
  - Existing listserves (North District Council, Northgate Chamber of Commerce, Maple Leaf Business Council)
- **Website**
  - Dedicated website that is updated with notices and materials created by the group

# First Community Forum

- Thursday, May 13, 2004 at North Seattle Community College